CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	IMG_20141215_170935.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1700120.035
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Wellington District Court
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	18 May 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file depicts a very young girl displayed in a sexualised manner. It promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes in terms of s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. While the classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as per the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2)(a) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.